SHRI CHANDRA JEET YADAV (Azamgarh): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the House towards the current state of affairs in the Delhi Development Authority. DDA is an important organisation, but of late it has become the haven of corruption and is exploiting both the farmers and the general public. In 1980-81, I, as the Chairman of Public Accounts Committee, looked into its functioning. At that time also, I concluded that this organisation was making maximum profits by purchasing farmers' land at very cheap rates. Recent report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India says that during the last 10 years, Rs. 50 crore has been swindled away in this organisation. DDA builds houses for the poor, which tumble down because of the substandard quality of cement used in construction, thereby endangering the lives of people. Such an important organisation in Delhi like DDA, has become the centre of corruption and symbol of inefficiency and irresponsibility. I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards the functioning of DDA and urge the government that an inquiry may please be ordered to investigate its functioning and the necessary steps may also be taken to make this important organisation more efficient. All the guilty officers may also be taken to task.

[*English*]

SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA (Andaman-Nicobar Islands): Mr. Speaker, Sir, in Keshpur in the district of Midnapore, West Bangal, there were atrocities on the tribal people. They are homeless. Now they are inside the jungle. Not only that, tribal women were raped. (*Interruptions*). They are facing starvation. The State Government have not come out with any rescue operation for providing assistance to these people.

[*Translation*]

SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR (Chimur): This is a very serious matter. Atrocities on tribals in West Bengal are also on the increase. (*Interruptions*)

[*English*]

SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: It is alleged that the CPM is involved in these atrocities on the tribal people in that area to strengthen their own authority among the tribal population. (*Interruptions*). When the tribal women are raped, when the tribal people are facing atrocities, when their houses are burnt, when their properties have been looted, the Government should come out for their safety and protection. The leader of the House should take up the matter with the Ministry concerned.

[*Translation*]

SHRI TEJ NARAIN SINGH (Buxur): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the quota of wheat distributed through fair price shops six months back in Bihar has been reduced thereby compelling the poor persons to meet their requirements from open market. Poor people are facing great hardship due to rising prices. So, I request the Government to restore the quota of wheat being distributed through fair price shops in Bihar, so that the poor persons are not compelled to purchase wheat from open market.

SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI (Kota): Mr. Speaker, Sir, film producer Mr. Ramanand Sagar, after completing the T.V. Serial on Lord Ram, has made another T.V. Serial on Lord Krishna, but it is misfortune of the country that the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has not till date given clearance for telecasting this T.V.-serial on Doordarshan. In Mauritious the telecasting of this serial is slated from 16th August. The Late Prime Minister, Shri Rajiv Gandhi, after viewing the film, wholeheartedly praised it. Giani Jail Singh and President, Shri R. Venkataraman both have also praised the film. The film is being shown in Nepal as also in Florida and Chichago cities of U.S.A. It is very unfortunate for our country that the hon.

Minister of Information and Broadcasting, in a preplanned manner, has suppressed the will of the majority people by not giving clearance to telecast the telefilm "Shri Krishna" produced by Mr. Ramanand Sagar. I would like to request the Government, through you, to telecast the film "Shri Krishna" on Doordarshan network as a mark of respect to the feelings and sentiments of lakhs of people of the country.

DR. LAXMI NARAYAN PANDEYA (Mandsaur): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the recent notification of RBI has caused a serious setback to the book trade of the country. Notification requires importers of books holding open general licence, to deposit an amount equivalent to 200 percent of the value of books to be imported as cash margin. (*Interruptions*) This step of RBI will have an adverse effect on the doctors, engineers, scientists and researchers of the country. (*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: What are you doing, please sit down. No, not like this. I am allowing one by one. All of you please sit down. (*Interruptions*)

DR. LAXMI NARAYAN PANDEYA: Book industry is in acute crisis. Though spread of education is being recognised in principle, even then surprisingly such an anti-people step has been taken. The reason assigned for such a step is purportedly foreign exchange crunch, but in the total import bill of the country to the tune of Rs. 44,000 crore, import of books constitutes just 0.29 per cent. Technical and scientific books are imported even today in the country, but with this notification everyone will be adversely affected. Since the matter is of public importance, therefore, through you, I would like to request the hon. Minister to withdraw this measure immediately. In the country even today many of the technical and scientific books are not available and have to be imported. The hon. Minister should come up with a statement on the issue without delay.

[*English*]

SHRI T. J. ANJALOSE (Alleppy): Sir, the Central Government has cancelled the calcium ammonium hydrate quota for Kerala State. This decision will adversely effect 35000 hectare ten estate in the State and also thousands of labour in the State. Last year the allotted quota was 45 thousand tonnes.

I therefore urge upon the Central Government to take urgent steps for allotting calcium ammonium hydrate for Kerala without any delay.

[*Translation*]

SHRI RAM NAIK (Bombay-North): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the previous Government accorded sanction to a scheme of writing off of the loans of farmers. It was welcomed by all the political parties, but for the Congress (I). Yesterday, the hon. Minister branded the decision of the previous Government as an irresponsible one, but under the scheme, 15 lakh farmers of Maharashtra were benefited. Different co-operative Banks in Maharashtra waived off loans to the tune of Rs. 380 crore, but till date Rs. 110 crore has not been reimbursed to the Government of Maharashtra, out of the total amount of reimbursement by the Central Government to the State Government. As a result, banks in Maharashtra are finding it extremely difficult to approve fresh loans to the farmers. Banks are short of funds to sanction new loans to the farmers. Therefore, I urge upon the Central Government to immediately reimburse a sum of Rs. 110 crore to the Maharashtra State due on the part of the centre. The steps Central Government propose to take in the matter may please be known to me. In addition to the hon. Minister of Finance, I would also like to urge upon the hon. Minister of Agriculture that mere saying of hello i.e. Namaste by him, will not do any good. I also request the hon. Minister of Agriculture to lend a helping hand in making the funds available to the Maharashtra State.